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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1980

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H-PASS TO SENATOR CHILES

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS/VE

SUBJ: SEIZURE OF U.S. AIRCRAFT PIPER N65 DM

REF: STATE 021315

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST-SENATOR LAWTON CHILES

1. THIS MATTER FIRST CAME TO ATTENTION WHEN FBI OFFICE, TAMPA, FLORIDA, NOTIFIED LEGAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE ON JANUARY 13, 1976 OF THEFT REPORT HELD BY POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FILED BY ROBERTS FLYING SERVICE, RELATING TO AIRCRAFT, ID# N65DM.

2. THROUGH TECHNICAL JUDICIAL POLICE (PTJ), CARACAS, AIRCRAFT WAS LOCATED ON JANUARY 15, 1976 AT MAIQUETIA AIRPORT, WHICH SERVICES CARACAS. PTJ WAS TO HOLD PLANE UNTIL RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY OWNER. AIRCRAFT WAS NOT SEIZED IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF NARCOTICS VIOLATION BUT PTJ NOW INFORMS THAT SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATION OF PLANE BY AIRPORT AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY REVEALED PRESENCE OF WHITE POWDER SUSPECTED OF BEING EITHER HEROIN OR COCAINE. PLANE NOW BEING HELD BY ORDER OF INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE DR. ALBERTO PEREZ MARCANO AT MAIQUETIA.

3. INSURANCE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE WHO APPEARED IN CARACAS  
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ON JANUARY 22, 1976 WAS INFORMED THAT TECHNICALITIES INVOLVED

IN RECOVERY REQUIREMENTS WOULD PROBABLY NECESSITATE THE INTERVENTION OF LOCAL ATTORNEY AND HE WAS SO COUNSELLED. ACTION IN THAT REGARD BY INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT KNOWN.

4. CONTACT IS BEING MAINTAINED WITH PTJ IN ORDER TO BE ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.  
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